

RESOLUTION 2019-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, OPPOSING EXPANSION OF THE TRANSFER TRAIL MINE AND REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYSIS.

WHEREAS, Glenwood Springs is a small city with an economy based on travel, tourism, outdoor recreation, fishing, hospitality, hot springs, and other sectors that depend upon the mountains, rivers, clear skies, and sounds of nature; and

WHEREAS, the Glenwood Springs was one of Colorado's first tourist destinations with the establishment of historic Hot Springs Pool in 1888; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Resources owns the small limestone mine referred to as the Transfer Trail Mine (or Mid-Continent Quarry) overlooking the City of Glenwood Springs and seeks to expand that mine by 5,000%; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the mine would lead to large visual impacts, mire the City in truck traffic, damage the thriving tourist economy, and seriously impact the water quality and air quality for thousands of rural Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, this expansion would allow mining 24 hours per day, blasting from 9am-4pm, and hauling out as many as 500 trucks per day; and

WHEREAS, mining and logging only comprise 0.3% of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, although Rocky Mountain Resources ("RMR") is in non-compliance with its current, small mining permit on federal public lands, it now seeks an Operating Plan Modification from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM").

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs.

Section 2. The City Council requests that the BLM require RMR to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") analysis under National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") to identify the significant effects the proposed mining expansion will have on the quality of the human environment.

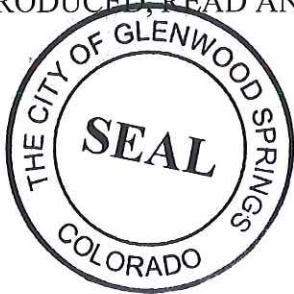
Section 3. The City Council requests the BLM conduct public hearings and make proper findings, determinations and penalties for non-compliance by RMR under its current permit violations.

Section 4. The City Council requests the BLM provide the public a copy of RMR's most recent application for the Operating Plan modification to allow the mining expansion,

Section 5. The City Council requests the Department of Interior to fully answer a Freedom of Information Act request for information about the proposed mine submitted by, the Glenwood Springs Citizens Alliance, a local citizens' group.

Section 6. Glenwood Springs and the region call for support from our Colorado Congressional delegation and request that they stand with the public values and regional economy of Glenwood Springs.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2019.



CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO



Michael Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Mythen Fletcher, City Clerk